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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : Kenneth H. Grabstein et al.  
Application No. : 09/724,841  
Filed : November 28, 2000  
For : POLYNUCLEOTIDES ENCODING EPITHELIUM-DERIVED T-CELL  
FACTOR AND USES THEREOF

Examiner : Prema Maria Mertz  
Art Unit : 1646  
Docket No. : 66033-10/2811-H  
Date : December 8, 2004

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## **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action dated August 9, 2004, please extend the period of time for response one month to expire on December 9, 2004. Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the required fee. Please amend the application as shown on the attached pages.